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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First named  
Applicant : KIMURA  
Serial No. : 09/678,218  
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Examiner : L. Stockton

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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This is a response to the Office Action of April 20, 2001,  
the term for responding thereto being extended until  
September 20, 2001 by Petition filed concurrently herewith. The  
following amendments to the claims are made in accordance with  
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